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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q54770

Yoshiharu SASAKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/337,667

Group Art Unit: 2861

Confirmation No.: 9266

Examiner: Hai Chi Pham

Filed: June 22, 1999

For: IMAGE RECORDING METHOD AND IMAGE RECORDING APPARATUS

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

This Response, submitted in reply to the Office Action dated July 15, 2003, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-17 and 19-22 remain pending in the application, with claims 6-11, 12/6-11 and 13-16 being withdrawn from further consideration at this time. Claims 1, 2, 4, 12/1, 12/2, 12/4, 17 and 19-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Takanashi et al. (U.S.P. 4,527,171) in view of Koguchi et al. (U.S.P. 5,578,824). Claims 5 and 12/5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Takanashi in view of